

FEBRUARY 22, 1998

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I, Ben L. Graham, Jr., being of questional mind and really question-able typing ability, have had at least one request to send the information that I penned in the Journal while touring England and Scotland in 1996. For this reason I shall endeavor to transcribed every word and numeral that I placed in it as we happily wended our way through those beautiful, friendly and exciting countries.

Front cover JOURNAL----I didn't write that----the Journal manufacturer put it on there. Inside front cover----BEN L. GRAHAM

Given to me by Sid and Terry for Fathers Day 1996. Said it was to take on our Scotland-England trip!

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FLIGHT SCHEDULES

OCT 11- Leave SLC 12:45 PM
Arrive Atlanta 6:12 PM

FLIGHT # 160

Leave Atlanta 7:55 PM

OCT 12- Arrive GATWICK(LONDON)9:10 AM

FLIGHT #10

OCT 27 Leave Gatwick 11:05 AM

Arrive Cincinnatti 2:50 PM

FLIGHT # ~~37~~ 37

Leave Cincinnatti 4:20 PM

Arrive SLC 5:50 PM

FLIGHT # 2046

MY MEDICINE

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AUGMENTIN

ONLY IF SEVERE INFECTION OCCURS

CARAFATE

EMPTY STOMACH 3-DAILY

CARBAMAZEPINE

NEURITIS-FOOT WITH FOOD 3- DAILY

CARDURA-HBP & PROSTATE

1-DAILY

CEFTIN

ONLY SEVER STOMACH INFECTION 2 DAILY

DARVOSET-PLOROXYPHENE

3-DAILY

HYDROCOD/ACET	ONLY SEVERE STOMACH PAIN 1 EVERY 5 HRS
NITROSTAT UNDER TONGUE	ONLY FOR EMERGENCY HEART PAIN
PRAVACHOL	FOR CHOLESTROL CONTROL 1 DAILY
PRILOSEC	FOR ULCER PROTECTION 1-DAILY
RELAFIN	FOR ARTHRITIC KNEE, HANDS, ETC 2-DAILY
SYNTHROID	FOR THYROID CONTROL 1-DAILY
COUMADIN	1-DAILY Add ½ tablet on Tue & Fri
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LODINE 300 MG	2 PER DAY
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TRIAMTERENE/HCTZ M9	1 DAILY
PRINIVIL 40MG	1 DAILY
ASPIRIN	1 DAILY

OCT 11, 1996

We left Salt Lake City at 12:54 PM taxiing to the runway and had wheels up at 12:59 PM in a 727

We flew over Denver at 1:51 PM Skies were clear

We flew over Salina Kansas at 3:31 PM also skies were clear.

We flew over Springfield, Missouri at 3:58 PM with clear skies

We flew over Memphis, Tennessee at 5:23 PM with skies a little cloudy

We flew over Huntsville, Alabama at 5:44 PM--skies a little cloudy

We landed at Atlanta at 6:19 PM

We rested awhile in the Crown Room and then boarded our L1011 aircraft for Gatwick at 7:39

The plane actually is an MD1011. We took off at 8:14 PM on way to Gatwick! At 1:31 London time we were traveling at 567 MPH!

At 3:17 AM Ground speed was 692 MPH.

At 3:20 AM Ground speed is 714 MPH. Tailwind is 156 MPH!

OCT 12

Tailwind 181 MPH at 3:33 AM. Ground speed 745 MPH!! We're approaching the speed of sound (767 MPH)!!!

We're now over Halifax Nova Scotia. Our altitude is 35,000 feet!

Temperature outside is minus 54degrees

Had breakfast at about 7:10 AM

Started descent to Gatwick at 7:40 AM. Beautiful clouds below us--looks like snow- also clouds above us.

Had a beautiful sunrise this AM.

We landed at 8:06 AM- one hour early!! Will look for Katie and Lewis now. We docked at 8:15 AM

We got our rental van at the airport. Katie and Lewis were there getting theirs!

We drove to Newburg, found 111 Bartholemew Street where Mom's Dad was born, took pictures, then Jim drive us to Wallingford, where we stayed all night. Went to bed at 6:00 PM, got up at 8:10 AM!! Slept 14 hours! This morning-Sunday-we're going on north toward Scotland. Will Probably go to Lyndias folks home place.

OCT 13

We left the Wallingford about 11:00 AM and drove to a service ares on the Freeway toward Scotland. Ate breakfast-a link sausage-eggs, toast and potatos--cost 10.25 pounds for two of us--about 17 dollars. I bought Mom a large coke and it cost 4.10 pounds--about \$6.25--dollars! After this we drove to Windsor Castle and had a good tour of it. Jimmy pushed me in the wheel chair all through the castle and we got to see parts of it no one else did, as we went to the "lift" and used it to go up to another floor instead of climbing the steps! The "lift" was just

barely big enough for the wheelchair, Jim, and me. It was fun going through and the castle was beautiful. Mom rode in the wheelchair part of the way down to the car.

After this we drove back toward Glasgow, and stayed at a "service" area on route M40. We have breakfast ordered for this AM for our rooms at 7:15 AM and they just brought it in! We will head again toward Glasgow today, Monday the 14th.

OCT 14

The English breakfast was delicious! It consisted of un-cooked cereals of oats, bran, raisins, nuts, etc., also orange juice, English tea, Crossiant, orange marmalade and cake! It was more than we needed! We expect to leave here about 8AM.

This place is between Oxford and Barburry. It is called Cherwell Valley. The "service" places along the highway are called Granada Travelodges. This is at junction 10, M40 Motorway. They are very nice places to stay at reasonable prices---for England!

At 10AM we were in Birmingham heading toward Walverton. The country side is very beautiful, with farms divided by hedge rows, like you see in pictures. Seems like every town or hamlet has tall spires on the churches and other buildings. At 10:20 we got to another "service" and will rest awhile.

Jim called Alexander Calderhead at Cumbernauld and we may see him & wife when we get to Glasgow. Lewis, Katie and Sister are following us in their car. We're--Jim, Lyndia, Mom and I--are in a nice van. it is a Renault Van and holds all of our luggage and the wheelchair nicely.

10:55 we're heading for Stoke-on-Trent to try and find where the BROUGH'S Originated.

At 11:15 we passed through the town of STONE. Lots of unique houses--13 miles to STOKE-ON-TRENT. We stopped at LEEK and went to the information bureau in the MARKET PLACE. This is where Lyndia's folks came from. We went to the old church and looked for the BROUGH graves, but could not find any. We looked also for BROUGH PARK and couldn't find it either.

2:40 PM---WE've been driving thru some beautiful country with lots of rock fences and hedge rows. Each farm or pasture is marked off with them. Rough, crooked road makes it hard to write! It seems funny to see everybody driving on the left side of the road! Jim and Lewis are doing a good job! We are passing through a lot of small, quaint towns

The traffic signs are different here! We saw one that said TRAFFIC CALMER! Another says KILL YOUR SPEED, another "REDUCE SPEED NOW" We got back on the M6 "Motorway" at 2:53PM and will drive on toward Scotland now. We stopped at a Service area, had a potato stuffed with baked beans, then made reservations for a Granada Hotel at Burton-Cornforth to spend the night. We expect to get to Glasgow by tomorrow night! I'm anxious to get to Scotland!! We plan on leaving at 8AM tomorrow.

We enjoyed the day driving along the country roads and seeing all the rolling hills with the hedge rows and rock fences. There are lots of sheep and cattle in this part of England.

OCT 15

We stayed at Burton-Cornforth and Fern and I got up at 6:00 to go eat breakfast. It rained most of the night, sometimes very heavy! We plan on getting to Glasgow by nighttime tonight. Ate breakfast by 6:45 and had a good one--sausage, bacon, toast, eggs, mushrooms & jam. Cost L9.65--about \$13.00.

At 8:00AM we all met and went to the restaurant & everybody ate but us. We ate early. At 8:49 we're heading for Scotland on the freeway.

They call them "Motorway" here!

10:00 Stopped at another "Service" and everybody rested and bought drinks or whatever they wanted. We are only about 15 miles from Scotland. We are going to LARGS to see if there is really a GRAHAM TAVERN!

11:50 AM We stopped at another "Service" area. I bought a GRAHAM STICKER and some Pringles. We're heading now for LARGS to see if there really is a GRAHAM TAVERN. Our T-Shirts say GRAHAM TAVERN 1704 or some date like that. We should get to Glasgow tonite. We are only about 26 miles from Glasgow now!

There are literally hundreds of trucks on the highways here. That seems to be their method of transporting goods in England and the other countries. I've even seen some trucks from ICELAND. I guess they must ferry from the Highlands in Scotland to Iceland. I don't know how far it would be across the ocean or the North Seas. Wow, a rough road!

11:58--It is raining pretty good now. We've had good weather most of the way. We don't mind the rain, as we expected it and we came prepared for it!

12:05 We turned off M6 and are going thru small towns, STONEHOUSE, STANFORD, MUIRKIRK, CALDERMILL,--lots of sheep here, georgous country--GIL MOURTIN, DRUMCLOG, LOUDOUN,___quite a winding road--PRWESTLAND. We're following a small river to the ocean. DARVEL is a quaint town--Houses are built close to the narrow street, abutting each other, they are all built of stone or brick. The Kirk (church) has a tall steeple. Lots of GRAHAM history in this area! Lots of old houses here.

At 1:00 PM we stopped at KILMORNIC at a "super" store. Everybody bought snacks. We're still headed for LARGS on a very bouncy road! We only stopped so Lyndia could go to the bathroom! It cost me about 14.51 pounds -Ha! Funny that we all went to the bathroom, Lyndia!! So who really wanted to go!

Now we're in KILMARK at 1:23 PM, heading for IRVINE.

Roadsign---"LAY-BY $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE"----means PARKING AREA!

1:45 PM We can see the ocean! We are only a few miles from LARGS, driving along the shore--a beautiful sight!

2:00 We stopped along the ocean on the west side of Scotland and I picked up about 20 sea shells from SCOTLAND! in NORTH AYRESHIRE COUNTY. We are REALLY in Scotland! A DREAM COME TRUE!!! THANKS TO JIM AND LYNDIA FOR THE AIRFARE. THANKS TO JIM FOR DOING ALL THE DRIVING, FOR WAITING ON US EVERYWHERE, DOING EVERYTHING FOR US!! JIM AND LYNDIA COULD NOT EXPRESS GREATER LOVE THAN THIS!!!

Came to town of FAIRLIE--old buildings, quaint town! right on ocean bay. 2:17 PM

At 2:18 we got to LARGS! Looking for GRAHAM TAVERN

Found out there is no GRAHAM TAVERN!!! But we went to Nardinia Cafe and had a wonderful lunch. It was the best meal I've had in Britain and the first in Scotland. At 4:23 PM we're heading off the coast to GLASGOW..

The sign "DUAL CARRIAGE WAY AHEAD" means Divided Highway!!

4:43 PM We drove through GREENOCK--lots of houses and apartment houses, a seemingly thriving city. This city has several ship loading piers with large DAVITS--ship loading cranes--and several large ships are docked.

5:00 PM We're just getting out of Greenock, still heading toward Glasgow. Lewis, Katie & Sister are following. We've been able to stay close together very well--only gotten Lewis lost a couple of times on the whole trip.

5:05 PM -- Going thru BISHOPTON a farming community. Still following a bay--some oil industry out near the shore. We're now leaving the ocean bay & driving more inland in a northerly direction. Has rained off & on most of the day, but not now, 5:10 PM. As I wrote this it started raining!! This is more or less normal weather for this area

of Scotland this time of year.

We had a nice drive on in to Glasgow. Lots of traffic! We have reservations for two nights at the JURYS HOTEL in Glasgow. We drove past the street it's on, going all the way downtown and had a little trouble finding it, but got here ablut 6:25 PM. We have four rooms on the 4th floor of a nice hotel. JIM HAS BEEN SO GOOD TO CARRY OUR BAGS IN AND HAS WAITED ON US HAND AND FOOT AND WE APPRECIATE IT SO MUCH. OUR PRECIOUS JIMMY IS VERY SPECIAL TO US ON THIS TRIP AS WELL AS IN OUR WHOLE LIFE. HE GOES OUT OF HIS WAY TO HELP US.

At 7:45 tonite, we are all getting together to discuss what we want to do the next two days before the 7 day tour starts on the bus. We want to see MUGDOCK CASTLE (RUINS) THAT IS SUPPOSED to be getting worked on to bring it back to its original configuration. At least many Grahams are making donations for that project. Jim will turn in our car (van) when we join the tour and then take a "bullet" train back to London when our bus tour is over.

We Had a meeting of the 7 at 7:45 PM tonite as to what we would do tomorrow. We all decided that JIM would do a good job of planning the day so we're leaving it up to him!!! HE HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL ON THE ENTIRE TRIP ---WITH LYNDIA AS HIS CO-PILOT. We LOVE it!!

We got to the Jurys Hotel about 6 PM.

OCT 16

We have scheduled to leave here at 8 AM (it's 7:53 now). We expect to see Alexander Calderhead sometime today. He's the man I wrote to in April. Jim jist came in and he's calling Alex now, 8:05 AM We expect to take him and his wife to breakfast this morning. This will give us a chance to get acquainted with him and his wife. Jim is getting directions now.

SEVEN AMERICANS IN SCOTLAND!!! Thats a good title for a book!

We're leaving the hotel at 8:23 AM, all 7 riding in the seven passenger van! It's a tight fit for all the "fatties" in here!

8:46 AM We're on M8 heading for the city of Cumbernauld where Alex lives. We are to meet him and his wife and take them out to breakfast. The weather is cloudy but no rain. We're going now on M80 to Cumbernauld. We're going thru several towns along the road. We're about 3 or 4 miles from Cumbernauld. We are to meet Alex and wife at a PUB, the BROADWAY PUB. I don't know where we'll eat breakfast. After we meet Alex and wife and eat breakfast we plan on touring the area around Glasgow.

We reached the PUB at 9:01. Mr Calderheae just showed up at 9:03.

HOORAY---we met Alex and BARBARA!!

THEY ARE VERY NICE PEOPLE. We had tea and coffee and pastries at their house. Visited till 10:10 AM with them there.

Now we're headed for Stirling. We're looking for FALKIRK where JOHN GRAHAM was buried. There is a lot of GRAHAM HISTORY here. Alex told us about a lot of the Graham History.

We found a "service" area for breakfast at 10:29. We all ate breakfast at the LITTLE CHEF to the tune of L31.97!! We're having it at 11:36 AM

We stopped at 11:45 for Petrol--No, DIESEL! We are in a diesel engine van. The town is BONNYBRIDGE.

FALKIRK IS WHERE JOHN GRAHAM FOUGHT AND WAS KILLED WHEN HE BROKE THROUGH THE ROMAN WALL THAT THE ROMANS HAD BUILT FOR PROTECTION.

11:54 AM we are in FALKIRK.

We hit the jackpot in FALKIRK!! We went to the information center by the old FALKIRK CHURCH. Churches in Scotland are called KIRKS. Two ladies there showed us all thru the old Church. Most of us, including ME, walked up the 89 steps to the BELL TOWER that was added to the church in 1811. A son of one of the ladies was a Bell Ringer, and played a tune on the huge bells for us. It was unique. We saw JOHN GRAHAM'S grave by the church. He and JOHN STEWART tried to fend

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off the enemies of the King, but were killed in the battle. The first King was WILLIAM WALLACE. We spent several hours, till 1:44 PM. Spent some time in the visitors center talking to the lady, who helped us a lot on GRAHAM Information. It was a PLEASURE!

We are going to JOHN DE GRAHAM CASTLE now, and to a reservoir. Where the reservoir is now is where JOHN DE GRAHAM spent a lot of time. It is now a Monument to JOHN GRAHAM. We've driven a long way (its now 2:30 PM) and haven't found the old castle we're looking for. Jim stopped at a house and the lady is showing him something, maybe the Castle??

At the grave of JOHN GRAHAM, I took a rose from the bush by his marker and will dry it and give it to someone who will keep it and remember where it came from. Probably Jim will end up with it. I HOPE somebody will keep it for our family, as it came from the grave of a direct descendant of ours.

The lady told Jim of an old Castle but didn't know if that was the one we're looking for.

We found the castle at 2:50 PM. It is not a very old Castle. Crutcheon Castle is the name of it. We drove up to it, turned around and went back to try and find a library where the Marquis (James Graham) Bible was. It was printed in the 14th century and was found to be the oldest book in the library. The library was closed, but the librarian was still there, and graciously opened just for us! We spent over an hour there the librarian showed us many GRAHAM books that the Marquis owned and had in his library when he was living. We bought some post cards of the library, also went into the old KIRK (church) which was built in the 1300's or before. Many of the old buildings have been changed, added on to, torn down, etc, but they still contain a lot of history. The librarian knew a lot about the GRAHAMS and it was located in GRAHAM TERRITORY, along with the DUNFORDS, MACKENZIES, etc. We had a wonderful day, stopped at one of the Service areas, had our evening meal, then all came back to the hotel, tired but extremely happy of the day's events. I could hardly walk back into my room, after climbing 89 steps up the FALKIRK CHURCH bell tower and 89 steps down, besides all the walking we did other than that. I'm going to bed HAPPY tonite!! Drank a cup of coffee in my room and will work a crossword--numbers--puzzle for a minute or so and fall dead asleep. We anticipate Christa's and her girl friend Tracy's arrival about 10:00 AM tomorrow, then we'll all go out to MUGDOCK CASTLE and view that famous old Castle!

OCT 17

Had a good nights sleep, went to bed about 10:30 PM--got up at 4:35 AM. Did not turn on lights till 6:20 so I wouldn't wake Sugarbabe up. She got out of bed about 6:40 AM and we are starting to stir! The T.V. doesn't show any promise of anything interesting so will turn it off. Need to write some post cards to people this morning.

We're going to the Glasgow Airport to pick up Christa and friend Tracy. But I don't know what time. We will also join the tour group sometime today and will stay here at JURYS HOTEL again tonight. It's a nice hotel and quiet. it's in the outskirts of town, but I don't know which direction! I'm turned around here, especially after going through all "roundabouts" on the British highways here! They eliminate a lot of STOP signs, but slow traffic down when you get to them. There seems to be no speed limit on the roads here. Yesterday Jim was going 70 MPH and a car passed us that must have been going at least 100 MPH. At 70 MPH, lots of cars pass us up!

It's now 6:52 and Sugarbabe is getting ready to take her shower. I've already had mine.

I'm having a new "old" experience of shaving with a "safety" razor. I've used an electric razor as far back as I can remember, and can't use it here as the electric power is all 240 volts and it would destroy my 110 volt razor!

7:28 AM - Got my procised cards written to Dr. Dean Flanders and to Terry Mathis, the nurse who took care of me in the hospital in April and May. She ssid for me to look up the Mormon missionaries here in Scotland, and they would be able to convert me to the Mormon Church! So far, I haven't seen any Mormon missionaries, so I man not get converted after all--Ha! But Terry was so good to me in the hospital and I even got so I looked forward to her coming on shift!

8:48 AM Finished Breakfast in our room, consisting of an apple, potato chips, Cracker Barrel Cheese, Orangeade, coffee, and crackers. Jim and Lyndia have gone to do laundry and then we will all to to meet Christa off the plane. Haven't seen Lisa Letts yet. She is the Travel Agent who got the bus tour together. She and husband flew in to Glasgow yesterday and are supposed to be here in JURYS hotel. This evening the bus group will have a welcome dinner at the dinner res'taurant in the hotel. I don't know who all is on the tour, but most will be from the Layton area and Salt Lake City area.

CHRISTA called about 9:15, saying they had missed their plane and would be here at the airport at 2:20 PM instead of 11:00 AM. Jim and Lyndia are still at the laundry I guess. We're watching the Presidential Debate here--on CNN--re-run I guess. Seems to me Mr Dole is more intent on slandering the President rather than stating what he is qualified for, to be President of the U.S.A. Mr. Bush is making accusations that are simply not so.

Well, we got Christa and Tracy today from the airport. They were supposed to get to Glasgow at 12:00 noon but they missed their flight from London to Glasgow and had to get another plane that got here at 2:20

After we got them we drove to MUGDOCK CASTLE! FINALLY we got to see it!!! We were to walk $\frac{1}{4}$ mile one way or $\frac{3}{4}$ mile another trail to see it. We were debating what to do, when the Park Ranger told us the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile was closed. As JIM was talking to the Ranger, telling him we were Grahams from the U.S.A., and that I was active in CLAN GRAHAM SOCIETY OF AMERICA, He told Jim to follow him in our van and he would take us to the trail. We did that. When he got to the trail he said "Get in my truck". We did, he opened the gate and drove us all the way to the castle!! Then he said he would open the Castle!! We got to go in the Castle, the original GRAHAM HOME, MUGDOCK CASTLE. We went up 70 steps, up 4 floors and the Ranger, Tim Edwards told us all about the Grahams who built it in the 13th century. He gave me a short history of the Castle and I'll make copies for all the family. To me, this was the main highlight of our entire tour of Scotland. Other highlights were close, but this visit to our ancestors original home in Scotland "took the cake"!!

OCT 18

We had a wake up call at 6:30 this morning. We had our bags outside the door of our room at 7:30, ate breakfast at 7:38-8:00 and boarded our busat 8:30. Left the hotel at 8:40 and drove to a Woolen Mill. I bought some GRAHAM key rings and some GRAHAM book markers.

There are 33 tourists on our bus. Some from Twin Falls, Idaho, St. George, Utah, SLC, Layton, Bountiful, Clearfield, etc.

Now going to LOCH LOMOND for a boat tour of the Loch (lake).

At 10:41 we stopped at LOCH LOMOND but will ride the boat later the guide said. This is a beautiful area and we're riding in a really nice Coach. We are supposed to leave at sharp 11:10, but it is already 11:15 and only 22 of the 33 tourists are here!! So much for their promptness! At 11:17 finally everybody got here. The guide really read the right act to everybody about being prompt! We're driving all around LOCH LOMOND. It is BEAUTIFUL!! We're going to see Rob Roy's cave on the boat ride! The mist on the Loch is clearing up and it will be anice ride, the guide says.

We had a good tour of LOCH LOMOND. We saw BEN LOMOND MOUNTAIN by a Power Plant. Got off the Loch at 12:30 and I don't know where we're going from here. The Loch is 22 miles long. It is wooded all around it. We saw some big birds on rocks on the lake--LOCH means Lake.

There is lots of fern all around the loch and all over the mountains in much of Scotland. We will be stopping for lunch at GREENWELLING, SAID to be the BEST place to eat in Scotland. We have driven around the west side of the loch and have left the loch at 12:47 PM. There are several beautiful waterfalls along the road. The mountains are covered with heather. It is not blooming but is pretty from a distance anyway. It has been cloudy all day, but very little rain. This is Good! It is not cold today and we don't even need our coats. 12:54 it is getting very misty but doesn't interfere with close views. Lots of sheep along the road on the mountain sides.

There are GIVE WAY signs that mean YIELD.

We're coming to STRASTILLA where ROBERT DE BRUCE consecrated a Chapel here. In a fierce battle here, the SCOTTISH defeated the ENGLISH. SAMUEL JOHNSON invented the first ENGLISH DICTIONARY. The town is named GREEN WELLY.

We ate lunch and are ready to leave at 2:05 PM. Had a good lunch. It is now raining but not very hard. I bought a GRAHAM key chain, also bought several of them at the Woolen Mill we stopped at earlier. The name of the place we ate was CLIFTON COFFEE HOUSE.

We're heading for the HIGHLANDS, and the road goes between two steep mountains. This land was originally settled by the ROMANS in 43 AD. They ruled it for 350 years. By 82 AD the Romans had conquered most of Britian. But the PICTS, the original SCOTS fought the Romans and WON. SCOTS were originally IRISH, tribe of SCOTS.

Now we're entering the BLACK MOUNTAINS where the PICTS still live. SCOTS are a mixed race of VIKINGS, NORSE, IRISH, ENGLISH, GERMAN. In the 9th century the PICTS aligned with KING OF PICTS and formed SCOTIA.

TODAY--is our Wedding Anniversary---Sugarbabe and I have been married 57 years!!

We're stopping at several places in the HIGHLANDS. There are lots of small LOCHS along here. The highest point in the HIGHLANDS is 1141 feet above sea level. We are here at 2:40 PM. It is still raining. At 3:04 PM we have now stopped at the "Three Sisters" mountains. Some are climbing up to look at them, but I'm too lame to do it. May find some pictures of them on post cards. Christa is up there taking pictures--maybe we can get some from her!

At Glencoe in the Highlands we stopped at the visitor center, saw a 10 minute movie on the Massacre at Glenco of the MacDonalds families. They massacred the children, the women, men and all. They took the leader of MacDonald, hanged him while still alive they cut out his bowels and let him die a horrible death.

4:06 PM We're about ready for a 20 minute drive to our hotel for the night.

4:22 PM We just crossed the bridge over LOCH LENNY. It's a beautiful drive around the LOCH. We're almost to our hotel.

We got to our hotel about 5 PM after a nice tour through the Highlands. Had dinner at 7 PM and it was good. Had a 57th Wedding Anniversary celebration. All bussers gave us congratulations, Jim and Lyndia, Lewis, Christa, Tracy, Katie and Sister gave us a nice card. Jim and Lyndia gave us two SCOTTISH DOLLS. They are cute! It was a wonderful celebration. Wish all had been here.

I'm not writing very good as I either on a bouncy bus, or van, or in a hurry. We get a wake up call at 5AM tomorrow, eat and have bags

out for bus to load and load onto bus at 7 AM. We will have a big

day tomorrow. It's now 9:29 PM and I just took my bath. Mom will take hers in the morning before we eat. So far we are both holding up

pretty good physically. Mom is pretty tired and doesn't want to walk much. Her back is bothering her quite a bit. My legs hurt most of the time but I am happy I can keep walking

OCT 19

Got up at 5:15 and felt good. I fell against the commode last nite as I was starting to sit down---things went black as I bent my head forward and I heard a crack against the back of the commode and WOW, my back hurts this morning, but no permanent damage. Going to eat breakfast soon. Saw Christa and Tracy out in the hall! Jim knocked on the wall! I knocked back. I wrote an aerogram to the kids last night. Mom wrote a "long" one line at the bottom! I'm anxious to get going this morning.

We left shortly after 7 AM and drove on up into the Highlands. The country is beautiful! We stopped at several places for pictures, stopped for lunch at an old castle building that was partially built by the Donalds--MacDonalds. We saw a film about how the Donalds acquired the land and I couldn't hear good enough to know what much was being said. We learned from our guide--ESTHER-- that lots of the Highlands land was changing hands quite rapidly in the 13th century to the 18th century. I cannot remember much she said but I know that JOSHUA has a book that tells all about the areas we've been going through. The Donald Castle Stables was planned and built by GILLESPI GRAHAM in 1822. He also was active in building or planning some of the other buildings around the Castle. The Donalds and the Grahams were helpful in the King keeping his Kingship in those centuries.

After lunch we drove and stopped at a memorial erected in honor of BONNY PRINCE CHARLES. He was organizing a group of Scottish fighters including Donalds, Grahams and other Clans in stopping the invasion of the ARGYLES who wanted to overthrow the king. But his plan didn't work he (Bonny Prince Charles) and his small army of 1000 plus men were badly defeated in the battle when the Argyles suddenly attacked with an army of between 5,000 to 10,000 men!

We saw some castles--one I don't remember the name of and one called EILEAN DONAN CASTLE. It is pretty well intact and lies along the LOCHNESS Area of the NESS RIVER. We took a ferry across several miles of ocean to the ISLE OF SKYE. Our big Coach was loaded onto the ferry and we had to get out of it and walk to the side of the ferry boat and go inside the passenger decks. It was an interesting ride on the ferry to the big Island. The EILEAN DONAN CASTLE was on the mainland, but the DONALD CASTLE on the ISLE OF SKYE. I didn't have my journal so I could write as we traveled, so some of what we did is sorta vague to me tonight.

Anyway, we drove on up north and west to the town of INVERNESS, the largest city in the Highlands. It is on the Ness River and is an old city with several 18th century churches and buildings. We got here and into our rooms in the JARVIS HOTEL a little before 5:00 PM. Sugarbabe and I went as soon as we could to a Woolen Mill called THE PRINGLE WOOLEN MILL. We wanted to get a tam or Montrose hat for her and me, but so far we haven't been able to find any. I did get me a BLACK WATCH REGIMENTAL HAT yesterday. We wanted a Montrose Blanket and TIES and crests. We ordered seven Crests, eight ties and two Scarves, and the Mill will "Post" them to us by Parcel Post in seven days. We addressed them to the nursery, as we won't be home in seven days!

Tonite at 7 PM we went to dinner in a nice restaurant at the JARVIS HOTEL where we were staying. We're in room 414, Jim and Lyndia are in 413, Sis and Katie are in room 202 and Lewis in 203. Don't know where Christa and Tracy are. We are to eat breakfast 8:15 then take off at 9:30 to tour this area. We will stay here two nights, so can leave most of our belongings here instead of having to load them on the bus in the morning.

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So far, Mom and I stayed well except for a few aches and pains that seem to be normal for oldtimers! After falling against the commode last night my back still pains, but hopefully will ease up rapidly. We are to tour several more castles tomorrow. I'll try to keep my journal out handy, so I can better detail our "goings on" along the road. We have to pay for our lunch and dinner tomorrow, so I expect Sugarbabe and I will be eating lightly! We have some potato chips, cheese, apples, etc. for lunch so won't have to spend any money for that. I don't know if we'll have restaurant dinner or not. There are grocery stores here, I'm told, but I don't know if they're open on Sunday. I guess we'll not go th church anywhere, but will be in the Coach--on and off most of the day

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Got up at 6:50 AM Skys are partly cloudy, looks like it's been raining during the night. We are on the 4th floor of Jarvis Hotel so have a pretty good view of the roofs of some of the old buildings and the streets below. We are to eat breakfast at 8:15 and depart on our coach at 9:15 I think it is. Sugarbabe sure looks pretty this morning. She slept good she said. I woke up at 11:30, 2:30 and 5:30 then got up 6:50. Our wake pu call came at 7:15 promptly. We ate breakfast at 8:15--had a good breakfast. Spent five minutes on the "lift" (elevator). It wouldn't go to the lower ground floor we needed to catch our bus, finally had to walk from ground floor to lower ground floor. Got on the bus at 9:15. We are leaving at 9:33. We're just passing FAIRY HILL, 700 feet high with cemetery all around it. Legend says the fairies come out at night! The hills around INVERNESS are really beautiful. Just found out our guide, ETHEL, is a Baptist! Sis just handed me the address of the librarian we saw who told us about JAMES GRAHAM,S Bible. It's on the next page Just passed a field with absolutely 100's of pheasants. A Loch is on our left side from the pheasants. Now we're going by LOCHNESS. We never did see the Monster!!! The Jarvis Hotel we are staying in is the CALEDONIAN HOTEL INverness has been occupied nearly 3000 years. The earliest known people here were believed to have been here over 250,000 years ago. TED POWELL, THE SCHOOL HOUSE, INNERPEFFRAY, PERTSHIRE, SCOTLAND PH 73 RF We're passing some farm lands with cattle, sheep and are in a small village. We're heading on toward some castles. URQUHART CASTLE is to our left and we are going down to it now. It juts out into the LOCHNESS. Built first in the 11th century, also some in 13 & 14th centuries. Constructed By Edward I of England. Rebuilt in 1609, then blown up to keep the JACOBITES from capturing it! We started walking down ot it, but I didn't think I could make the walk back up, probably about 3 city blocks. Mom and I went part way down and she got a picture of it. Katie didn't go all the way down either. I took a picture of her and Mom with Katies camera, then she took a picture of Fern and me. I decided to try the toilet on the bus. I got in it and everything went fine--no light--total darkness. No water to wash hands--it's on top in the bus! When I opened the door to go out I noticed a small string up high--the light! Next time I'll know! The bus driver said we would stop at the LOCHNESS "MONSTER" visitor center and could get post cards of the castle as well as other scenes. Sister brought us two pictures of the Castle. She brought some rocks from it too. Not off the castle, just off the ground We left the castle at 10:55 AM and are heading back to the visitor center at the little town we came through earlier. At the town, Mom took a picture of the LOCHNESS MONSTER in a pond by the visitor center. We went through the exhibition then to a shop. Got some more GRAHAM post cards, coasters, a badge key ring, etc. I couldn't make it through the exhibition so JIM got my wheelchair and pushed me through most of it. BLESS HIS HEART! He is SO attentive to mine and Moms needs. It's noontime

so we will probably have a bite along the road.

We finished lunch about the time we got to BULIE and the BULIE RIVER. Lots of old buildings here. Seems all the towns have old buildings--hundreds of years old! Aman by the name of LOUAT lived here and built a monument to the LOUATS because he thought they would come back to haunt the village

Now we're in MUIR. Most buildings only about 100 years old.

The patron Saint of Scotland is St. Andrew

Crossing CULLEN BRIDGE at 12:53 PM.

The bagpipe is not original with Scotland. It came from Romans that were carrying bags with pipes in them and they didn't know what to do with them. They blew on the pipes and it made a noise. They developed it into the bagpipe!

We're coming into CLAN MONROE country now.

Scotland is 29,750 square miles in area. It is 150 miles wide at its widest point. Scotland produces more oil than Iraq and Iran! Scotland grows a lot of barley--for whiskey.

Now we're in more farming areas, along the northern coast.

The KILT -- Men wear. Women wear the CLAUSSEN. Shear the sheep, clean the wool, dye the wool, treat it with alum, use various dyes. Need knife on outside of right leg & on inside of right leg carry a little dagger. Carry sword on left side of waist. Checkered material indicated what clan you belonged to.

Most clansmen couldn't afford a horse--had to walk. The kilt was easier to get through bushes, etc. than wool pants

We're now crossing the DONAR FIRTH BRIDGE.

Gretna Noven--GRETNA GREEN has kilt material

THE PIN--Clan Crest on pin goes on second check of the kilt with head upside down.

Now at 1:49 PM we're in the village of GOLDPIC. People say it's the real, real Highlands of the north!

The castle is beautiful--it has 189 rooms. It has been continuously inhabited by the same family since the 13th century. DURROBLIN is its name. It belongs to the Sutherland Clan. We went in before 2 PM and it is now 3:19 PM. There are lots and lots of priceless articles in it. A large table in the "dining" or "dinner" room is completely equipped with many solid sterling silver dishes, ladles, spoons, knives, forks, bowls, plates and turins, etc. Probably close to 1000 pounds of sterling silver on the table that is about 30 feet long. The castle gardens are fabulous with hedges in many interesting patterns with flowers arranged in fantastic ways. The guide and his wife were very nice and explained many things in the castle. We were not shown the Duke and Duchess's quarters, but we went into the dining room, Dukes study, ladies sewing room, childrens play room. He showed us some old toys that he said were priceless. There were huge tapestries, huge portraits statues, rugs, lion skins, leopard skins, a room with huge white and decorated platters, etc., a nursery room with antique cradles, bassinets, baby wash(bath) tub, bed for mother, chairs, rockers, etc. The ceilings in most rooms were 20 to 30 feet high! It was a nice stop/ Mom and I didn't go down to the gardens as they were at least 80 feet below the entrance to the castle and many steps and steep inclines to get to the gardens. I thought we were going to Edinburgh this afternoon but it is now 3:37 PM and we have to get to our hotel yet!

80% of the people in this area speak GAELIC language. We are now listening to some GAELIC MUSIC. It is sad-sounding. Not understandable to me!

There are rabbits in this area. There are lots of river birch, oak and some mountain ash trees. The mountain ash trees are the red berry variety.

There are some farm crops in the area that look like sugar beets, some look like kale or something, maybe turnips, too. Lots of hay crops for the sheep and cattle winter feed.

DORNOCH town we are now in. We're going down to the beach & look around, then come back to the ice cream parlor and shops. We didn't stay at the

beach, went back to the shops. We went into a hotel there, very old, sat in a beautiful lounge, had tea and scones and enjoyed it. Mom didn't have any. The guide ETHEL was serving to Sis and Katie and spilled hot tea on her blouse from breast to waist!. She was upset but didn't get too ruffled. I think it burned her a little, besides getting her white blouse wet. We came back to our hotel in INVERNESS after that, singing along, one guy playing the horn with his mouth. He got pretty boisterous and his wife finally went to him and calmed him down some. I don't know if he had been drinking or not. After we got back to our hotel, Katie, Sis, Mom and I found a somewhat American style restaurant across the street from our hotel. We went in and Katie and Sis had a hot soup and milk to drink. Mom and I had a "potato in the jacket" with cheese and pineapple filling. Well--- there was no cheese that we could see, and only about 3 little pieces of pineapple on it! We asked the waitress if it had cheese on it and she said "Oh, yes it has cheese on it". We ate it anyway but it was nothing like a potato with something on it in America. I ordered some onion rings that cost 1.10 pounds, which would have been reasonable except there were only 6 little onion rings! The British and the Scottish simply don't know how to eat--Ha. Mine and Mom's bill was 7 pounds which is about \$11.00 U.S. money. Everything is high priced here and in England.

OCT 21

We are up at 5:00 this AM. I took my shower last night--Mom took hers this morning. We're ready to go down to the restaurant and eat. It's 7:00 AM now.

We finished our breakfast and got on the bus at 8:30. We're heading for Aberdeen and probably more castles. The castle we went in yesterday was CLAN SUTHERLAND. I don't know if I mentioned it in yesterday's report.

Our breakfast is always good each morning. Eggs, toast, cereal, orange juice, sausage, ham, coffee, tea, milk, etc.

Well it's now 8:42 and we were supposed to leave at 8:15. Some of the people are deliberately slow and seem to enjoy holding up everything. I'm sorry to say, but most of them are Mormons and are very rude in a lot of instances! My daughter-in-law and niece are NOT included in these rude ones. On the contrary they are VERY SWEET and helpful to Mom and me.

We finally got away at 8:50. Sang Happy Birthday to several and gave TONY, OUR DRIVER some honey (1 jar) and gave ESTHER our guide 2 jars of honey. Our guide ESTHER said we're going to see a battle field where BONNY PRINCE CHARLES led his men into a slaughter, and were all killed. It's called CULLODEN BATTLE FIELD. We arrived at 9:03 AM

It was an interesting place and very sad to know that 5,000 men lost their lives on BONNY PRINCE CHARLES SIDE and unknown numbers on the "Government" side. We're leaving at 10:28 AM, heading for ABERDEEN. Apparently we are going to a whiskey distillery today.

Note: For Rough Road the sign is RUMBLE AREA"!!

We just went through FORT WILLIAM.

I broke my right thumbnail at breakfast this morning. It bled quite a bit. Christa got me 2 Band-aids and Mom put them on my thumb.

We're in INVERAIRN CITY now. It's not far from the NORTH SEA. They raise lots of pigs here. The deepest is 1097 feet. The highest Mountain is 4411 feet. We're still headed for ABERDEEN. 80% of Scotland is agricultural. We saw a field of strawberries. We saw a field or pasture of goats. There are $\frac{1}{2}$ million acres of timber in Scotland. Farms of cabbage, broccoli, kale, etc. The average weekly income is 276 to 300 pounds a week.

Just went over RIVER FINDHORN.

There are 72 constituencies that represent Scotland in Parliament. We're still on our way to ABERDEEN at 11:10 AM. The guide is telling us how the British Government is run. It is interesting how Britain does

in electing Parliament members. There are 641 members of Parliament.
We just entered the town of ELGIN
Just saw a sign--DALLAS 10 miles.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL was a teacher here in ELGIN

We went into the JOHNSON WOOLEN MILL SHOP. Mom and I are looking for some GRAHAM TARTANS BUT HAVEN'T FOUND THEM YET. I bought a BLACK WATCH BLANKET, a nice blanket to match my BLACK WATCH CAP. It is not a CLAN, but a REGIMENTAL -- The QUEENS REGIMENT-- Said to be a Security part of the QUEENS SECURITY

A DUKE is higher than an EARL. A MARQUIS is between the DUKE and the EARL

We have just crossed the RIVER SPEY at 1:00 PM We are now in the town of GRAIGCHELLACHE!--5 miles to DUFFTON

We went to the distillery and took a short tour. We're going to another castle. It is now 2:46 PM

At 3:05 we entered ABERDEENSHIRE. We are on a narrow road and the driver is going over 60 MPH on the straight aways! Mom and I are in the front seat of the coach and it scares me!

We just came through some of the most beautiful part of the HIGHLANDS, the guide said. We have come to LESTON OR LESIMON--can't write on bumpy roads!

Now we're in RHYNE. There some old churches and all homes are made of rock.

It is now 3:17 PM We're on a road that is a little wider since we left Rhyme.

We're On route A944 going toward ABERDEEN. There are lots of little cotton tail rabbits along the road

Now we're crossing the RIVER DON at 3:31 PM We're on A980 heading toward some castle--I think. We have been riding a long time since we left the whiskey distillery. I'm ready for a break for lunch! The driver has reached more than 70 MPH sometimes!

We are now driving thru the town of MUIROFFOWLS at 3:37

We're in LUMPHANAN at 3:48 PM

BOGENCHAPEL CITY at 3:52 PM

TURPINS at 3:53 PM. We have had sunshine all day but it's starting to rain a little now at 3:55 PM

RAEMUIR CITY (small) at 3:57 We just turned off the road on to another road.

We're now in BANCORY at 4:04 PM It is 17 miles from ABERDEEN

We're coming to CRATHES CASTLE. We went in the castle. It is five stories high. Mom and I went in only 2 stories. My legs are gradually playing out and the wheelchair is getting more use. I'm sorry in a way that I even brought it, as it involves Jim too much and it makes a hard task for him to have to worry about me. He is SO PRECIOUS TO LOOK AFTER MOM AND ME and I'll try harder to NOT LET HIM WORRY ABOUT US.

It is now 5:33 PM and I don't know how much longer it will be before we get to our hotel, but I'M ready for it! I think Mom is ready for a rest, too. This is the 21st and we get off our tour the 23rd, so only have two more days on the coach. We should have more leisure time after that. I don't know when we'll get to our train on the 23rd, but I think we'll enjoy being together--the seven of us--in London.

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We're leaving now--No, Jim and Lyndia are not here yet, also 2 more. The address above is the girl friend of Christaa who was on the trip with us. We finally got away at 5:50 heading for ABERDEEN.

We're going thru a valley called DEE VALLEY, farming and pastures for sheep and cattle. We're soon coming to ABERDEEN. It's 5:59 PM and the lights are on other cars but we can still see good. There are a lot of nice, pretty farm houses. We're approaching some housing developments. We're in a town--don't know the name--only 8 miles from ABERDEEN. Un-leaded gas is 58.9 pence per liter. 3.78 liters is a gallon, so gas is well over \$2.00 a gallon! Everything is much higher than in the states!

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We got to the Stakis Hotel in ABERDEEN about 6:15 Pm yesterday. Mom and I didn't like the prices of the restaurant so we ate cookies and nuts, etc. in our room. We had a good sleep and got up at 5:30 AM, went to breakfast at 7:15 and are leaving at 8:36 AM We had a good stay here and now are heading to see LAMBS CASTLE AT !):00. We will stay at the King James Hotel tonite and there will be a Scotland night, with Highlanders Dancers, Scottish food and a welcome to EDINBURGH. I'm anxious to get to EDINBURG to do some looking for GRAHAM TARTAN MATERIALS. We have not been able to find much GRAHAM stuff yet.

JUST LEARNED THAT MONTROSE captured ABERDEEN THREE DIFFERENT times and was responsible for much of it today. There are a lot of houses in Aberdeen that are all joined together for blocks and blocks. Aberdeen is 300,000 population. Much granite is used here for building. Large granite blocks stacked up make the houses! There are many granite quarries around here. Lots of the houses are built in the 1800's and are called Victorian period houses. Many & most have ornate work on them and they are beautiful.

Lots of this area is about BRAVEHEART AND ROB ROY videos. We need to get ROB ROY and see it. We've seen BRAVEHEART. In the 13th century KING GEORGE destroyed most of ABERDEEN it is said. Since 1296 a stone was taken from Scotland and taken to London. A chair was made for it and every English King has been crowned on that stone. Only yesterday it was removed--October 21, 1996--it was removed and taken back to Edinburg and is back in the country where it belongs!!!

We're now in the center of Aberdeen. It is beautiful with ancient and modern buildings. There are beautiful churches, a Memorial building for those lost in WWII. MONTROSE stayed in the PROVOST HOUSE when he came to Aberdeen. There are lots of double-decker busses in Aberdeen and in all the large cities of Britian. The Presbyterian Church is the official church of Scotland.

The church of St Andrews is in Aberdeen and is the MOTHER church of the Episcopalian church in Scotland.

The Aberdeen Harbor is right in the heart of the city! Very unusual. Even the big tankers can come in. The River JAMES empties into the harbor.

At 9:26 AM we're now out of Aberdeen and on a Motorway heading for EDINBURG. EDINBURG is pronounced EDIN-BRAW here!

We are traveling right along the ocean shore on Hwy. A90. We're looking for an old castle. We're passing thru SURRYHOLLOW. We passed by MONTROSE, but didn't go thru it. It is right on the ocean! This is where the Grahams lived and held land for several centuries.

We just passed over the RIVER NORTH ESK. We're passing thru some gorgeous country. The GRAHAMS dwelt in this area. They knew beauty when they say it, although it was mostly wooded area in the 13 to 16th centuries. The GRAHAMS had to fight for their survival and for that reason were not too popular with a lot of Scottish Clans. The Argyles, CAMPBELLS, SUTHERLANDS, DONALDS, and others were more intent on getting the throne for their own kingship, whereas the GRAHAMS were more concerned about preserving the kingship for the KING! We just passed the town of FERN at 9:05 AM

GLAMIS CASTLE is in the town of Glamis. This is where the QUEEN MOTHER lived before she married. It is a CLAN STEWART--HUNTING Castle. We went thru 2 stories of it, Mom and I, the rest of the group went up 5 stories. We bought a few CLAN GRAHAM items and ate our lunch in the restaurant. The Glamis Castle is owned by the STRATHMORES & LYONS. the next heir to the castle is a 12 or 13 year old boy named LYON. The Castle is in ANGUS, Scotland

We're going to leave at 12:50 and it is 12:53 now and riders are still coming. We may get away soon. Seems a certain group is always late JOHN GRAHAMS boots and coat are located in this castle. We saw his grave in FALKIRK. We are getting under way at 12:57

We are back on a Motorway M90 now and heading toward DUNDEE--We got to

DUNDEE at 1:14 PM. It is a beautiful city with hills all around. It's on a bay by the northwestern part of Scotland.

We're crossing the RIVER TAY in DUNDEE. It is a wide river, probably $\frac{1}{2}$ mile across it.

At 1:35 we're out of DUNDEE heading for EDINBURG.

Now we're in LEUCHURS 1:37 PM. I hope we get to EDINBURG in time to do some shopping. We're to see ST. ANDREWS

There is the remains of a castle and old church in ST. ANDREWS.

We were told to be back to the coach at 4:15. While here Mom and I bought 6 more CLAN GRAHAM ties, 1 CLAN GRAHAM scarf, 7 clan GRAHAM key rings and one yard of MONTROSE TARTAN CLOTH. I wanted it so we could have a tam and a cap made if possible. If not, we can use it to drape on things!

It's sorta disgusting when people are told to be back at 4:15 and we didn't get away till 4:56. This shortens our time in EDINBURG. Some of the people are really uncouth and they are all Mormons. Don't tell me that Mormons are better than everybody else!--Ha.

Sugarbabe and I had an ice cream and I went around in the wheel chair where I could but so much of the area is not very suitable for handicapped people: But I'm glad I brought the wheelchair, as it really helps my legs instead of having to walk so much. Mom and I cannot climb the stairs in the castles and in some places we would like to go, but we're enjoying it anyway. We're heading for EDINBURG finally!

We have just come through the town of BOW OF FIRE at 4:51. We will spend the night at EDINBURGH. I don't know what time we go back to GLASGOW tomorrow, but I hope we can stay in EDINBURG long enough to do some shopping.

Now we're going thru the town of GATESIDES at 5:03 PM. Sign says we're 24 miles from STIRLING. We've already been to STIRLING so I don't know how close we are to EDINBURG

We have come back to a Motorway. I don't know which one it is--it is M90.

Now we're in FIFE at 5:15 PM

We're going over the FORTH BRIDGE in a few minutes--HERE IT COMES!

The river is the FIRTH OF FORTH.

I believe we're coming into Edinburg

Just saw a sign--8 miles to EDINBURG

ESTHERS PHONE 0831-865-337

Now we're in EDINBURG AT 5:34 PM

We ~~got~~^{are} to our Hotel at 6:15 PM!!!

ESTHER fell when the coach had to stop all of a sudden. She fortunately fell into one of the men.

The city is beautiful. There is a BIG Baptist Church here close to our hotel. It's 5:48 and we still haven't gotten to our hotel yet.

We're in the KING GEORGE HOTEL in EDINBURG, a very, very fancy hotel!!

We're in room 607, Jim and Lyndia are in room 608. Katie and Sister are on the 4th floor, and I don't know where Lewis is. We are having a fancy dinner tonight with a show of some kind afterward. Christa and Tracy are in room 611. We went down to dinner at 7 PM. We had our choice of beef or salmon. We sat with Jim and Lyndia. Lyndia had beef, Mom, Jim and I had Salmon. I was skeptical of the salmon, didn't want to eat any of the "crazy cow" beef. Probably Mom and Jim didn't either! Anyway, the salmon was delicious. I couldn't eat all of mine. Jim was able to eat his and about a third of mine. For dessert we had some raspberry and cream and it was good, then we were treated with a wonderful Scottish show. The Emcee was a good singer, a fast talker, and a good entertainer! There was a band consisting of a fantastic drummer, an electric guitar player, a Keyboard player and an accordion. The audience joined in in many of the songs and clapped with the music a lot. There were two Scottish girl dancers who were very good and danced several

dances. They also danced the famous "sword" dance/ There was a lady singer who sang beautifully and sang some of the old time Scottish songs, some in Scottish language and some in English. She performed 3 different times. The highlight of the show was the accordion player! He was sort of chubby. It happened that Christa was sitting on the end of the table closest to the accordion player. His KILT came up above his knees and his legs were sorta spread. They got a thing going with him and Christa about showing too much! He acted as though he wasn't too bright and it was hilarious. There was a Scottish Highland Regimental Drummer that could rat-a-tat the drum so fast you couldn't see his drum sticks go up and down! He was dressed fantastically. He and a "piper" worked and played together several times. The piper was good too. At the end of the show they played Amazing Grace and the audience sang it. It was very impressive. The last song was Auld Lang Syne. During the show, and I don't know who did it, the Emcee announced that there was a couple in the audience who had a wedding anniversary. Then he asked for Ben and Fern to raise their hands!!! We Did! He came over and wished us a Happy Anniversary and the audience gave us an Anniversary Welcome.

At the end of the occasion, they had a HAGGIS ceremony. The piper, the drummer and a cook came parading in with a large platter, some deer horns and an oval ball of something on it. The Emcee Had a long knife He threw the knife into the air and when he caught it the band drummer hit the drums and made a terrific loud noise!! It scared many of the audience especially some of the women!! It was FUN. He put on a ceremony called the HAGGIS ceremony, then all of us were served HAGGIS with mashed Rutabaga and mashed potato. HAGGIS is made of lamb meat oats, etc and spiced with pepper. The rumor is that it is made of lamb internals and things you might not normally eat, but it is actually all good meat! I ate about half of mine, Jim ate all of his, Mom took only one bite of hers, Lyndia ate a little. I don't know how much the other 5 of our gang ate. But the whole evening was very enjoyable and lots of fun. We went back up to our room on the 6th floor #607 about 10 PM I took my shower and went to bed.

OCT 23

We got up at 6 AM, Mom took her shower and I cleaned my teeth and got dressed. I have taken my pills and am ready to go down to eat at 8 AM. Part of---No, all of the evenings event last evening, I wrote this morning so that took awhile and now it is 7:16. We had a wake up call 6:56 but we were both already up! Today we will journey slowly back to Glasgow and spend the night there. I think we'll visit another castle or two on our way. We expect to get there fairly early so there will be some time for shopping.

We left the hotel after a good breakfast and drove thru some of the central part of town. We drove up a CALTAN HILL overlooking the city. It's beautiful

SPOREN--the name of the purse that the kilt wearers use, as there are no pockets in the KILTS!

At 9:41 we have come down off the hill and are passing a Greek Memorial. We are going to go in the QUEENS PALACE here in EDINBURG. The Queen spends one week a year in this palace. It is called the Hollyrood Palace. We saw a little house called the Bath House of MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS! We went in the castle and enjoyed it very much. We found one official CLAN GRAHAM BADGE and two official CLAN GRAHAM PINS, for KILTS at the gift shop in the castle.

We next drove to EDINBURG CASTLE where the SCOTTISH CROWN is displayed. It is NOT for the QUEEN OF ENGLAND. It is for the KING OF SCOTLAND, and has not been used since 1651. It is preserved in a large case with four swords--one in each corner. It is a beautiful CROWN and in a very beautiful encasement.

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We went to the Edinburg Presbyterian Church--A large 13th century church . It is called ST. GILES. It is in this church that the Marquis of MONTROSE os buried----JAMES GRAHAM!!A very impressive visit at his grave inside the church. He is well liked by the people of today, remembering his brave deeds and they think highly of him. We spent about an hour there. He was also revered by the people during his time, too. Afterward we went to an underground mall close to the church and ate lunch, then did some shopping. It was a pleasant afternoon. ESTHER, our guide went with us and she is real sweet when you get to know her. She took a liking to the Grahams on the tour and was very helpful to us in getting around Edinburg. Edinburg is a large city.

At 5:10 we got back on the coach and are leaving EDINBURG.

At 5:38 we're out of Edinburg and heading for Glasgow again. We are supposed to eat dinner there together. We're now on M8 Motorway the road leading th GLASGOW!

We got into our room about 6:30 in Glasgow in the JURY HOTEL again. We are in room 321 this time. It's the same JURY HOTEL we were in when we first came to Glasgow before we started our tour of Scotland. I think everybody was glad to have the tour over, although we met and made a lot of friends on the tour.

There is going to be a meeting of the tour members on NOV 17 at 4 PM to watch pictures of the trip that several had camcorders for. I'm not sure where the people live who are having the get-together. I think I said earlier that there were 33 people on the tour. Nine of the 33 were GRAHAMS

At 7:30 tonite we had dinner. Mom had roast ham, I had chicken breast. They had HAGGIS but i don't think any of our bunch ate any of it! Jim is supposed to come by and discuss what we're going to do in the morning regarding getting to our train at 12 noon tomorrow. It's supposed to be about a five hour ride on the "bullet" train to London where we have our cottages rented for 3 or 4 days until we leave for home on the 27th.

OCT 24

We got up about 7:45 AM, got dressed and went down for breakfast. Our train leaves at noon today for LONDON. We will put our heavy luggage outside the room door and the hotel will pick it up and set it downstairs so the taxis can pick it up. Christa and Tracy left us this morning about 9:00 as they are to catch their plane soon--I forget the time. They are two adorable girls--espically Christa. She is so vivacious and innergetic and so loving. She really enjoyed the tour and her stay in Scotland

As anticipated we hope to have a good time in LONDON, AS we have \$35.00 train tickets to go anywhere around London at any time we want to go. Jim has cancelled our cottage reservations as he found out they're not so good and we can get better ones around London.

The guide we had--~~ETHEL~~ ^{Esther} is planning on meeting us in London. She is "sorta" stuck on Lewis and I think the same for Lewis. They would certainly make a nice couple. She plans on coming to America, maybe, and perhaps visit with the GRAHAMS and A Maddux, maybe go around and meet some of the Grahams in Utah, too! Her address is at the top of the next page. I will try and remember to write and thank Esther when we get home. ESTHER A. PETERS, 38 BROOKSBY, S WALK, HOMERTON, HACKNEY, LONDON E9 6DF
COACH DRIVER: TONY DARRIE, # LOW HUMBLTON, WOOLER, NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND
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At 10:43 we are at the lounge waiting to load into the taxis.

At 12 noon sharp we left on the train after two taxis took us from the hotel to the train. This train makes an average of almost 80 MPH most of the way, including a few stops

We stopped at MOTHEOWELL at 12:16. The train took right off and we're going at about 80 MPH again. We are now stopping at CARSTAIRS at 12:29 PM. We got to Edinburg at 12:57 and it's called Waverly Station. We will be heading fairly south to the coastline toward LONDON.

We are approaching NEWCASTLE at 2:21 PM. We are going over Newcastle River at 2:32 Newcastle is another beautiful city.

We are traveling on BRITRAIL

Now we're in DURREN at 2:42 PM

Now at 2:58 we are entering city of DARLINGTON. Some beautiful churches in this city. We can see 4 from the tracks.

Now we're in York at 3:26 still heading. The CHURCH OF ENGLAND is here and the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK is #2 under the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTEBURY

We left York on time at 3:32 and are going thru some more farm lands. There haven't been as many sheep and cattle here as on the Scotland farms.

When we took our taxi from JURYS HOTEL to the train station we talked to the driver a little. When we told him we were going to London, he shook his head NO, NO, and frowned! A lot of the Scots don't care much for England! Our taxi cost 8.70 pounds to go a few miles to the train station.

I've had trouble going to the bathroom for 2 or 3 days. Now that we're on the train, I've been wanting to go every few minutes!! Hope it clears up before we get to London. W.O.W.--the train is about as rough here as on the bus, usually it is much smoother. It's 3:48 PM and we're due in London at 5:14. At the speed we're going we should make it. We're coming into DONCASTER NOW AT 3:50 PM

Arrived in PETERBOROUGH 4:44 PM. we're only ten minutes away from LONDON. This train runs exactly on time most of the time. We will have to take a taxi to our hotel.

We finally got to the hotel, checked in and got all our baggage and the wheelchair in. It's now 7:29 PM

The SWALLOW HOTEL is the one we are in. It seemed a long way from the train we rode into LONDON. It cost Mom and me 11.60 pounds=about \$18.50 in dollars. Everything is sky high here.

They said the restaurant was open from 7 to 10 PM, or was it 7 to 10 AM??

I didn't really know what it was when the Englishman said it! Anyway, we all got here and in our rooms and I'm glad it's over--all the rides, I mean. I'm not really hungry but we will go down with the group if we go to the restaurant. Mom just said she won't go walking any place to eat, so if we eat, it will be here in the SWALLOW HOTEL. It's a fancy hotel, but I've seen much fancier ones in the States for a lot less money.

We're waiting for Jim or somebody to call us about going to eat. Maybe they won't want to go anywhere either. There's coffee and tea we can make in our room and we could get by on that, I guess. I've got to fix my pill box for the next week anyway.

Lyndia knocked on the door at 7:45 and said Jim and Lewis were going to bring back something from Burger King. Hope they don't bring anything with beef in it. I read in the paper on the train that they have positive proof now that the "sick cow" disease can and has been transferred to humans. Seems about 14 kids have already died with it. Also they are pretty sure that it can be transferred into sheep! WOW, we are just NOT gonna eat any beef or sheep. Maybe the fish won't get it!

I sometimes wonder if we are not causing some of these diseases to happen by using pesticides, by using illicit sex practices, by using drugs that deteriorate the body of not only we humans, but other animals, too. How much longer will God allow us to tamper and mutilate and desecrate a world that He made pure for us to use. I'm afraid we humans have violated every resource that God has given us to use and to use properly. He gave us dominion over the fowls and the cattle and the fields and the grains, but we have so violated that privilege of dominion that I wouldn't doubt it at all if God is not about ready to say ENOUGH!! When He does Jesus will come down from the clouds, in the

twinkling of an eye and claim His own. The just will be resurrected into His kingdom. The unjust will be left on earth to perish in whatever way God wants. He is still in control of His universe and His will will be carried out. Man cannot change that, neither can man change His law of salvation== a total, secure, unequivocal salvation that can be obtained only through a total submission to Jesus Christ, half way or part way, not if you do something to help Him save you. Not if you're a member of any certain church, Not if you refuse to totally give Him your life, your whole being, realizing that you are unable to do anything to gain salvation except to beg His mercy and put your faith in Him and ask forgiveness of your sins Well----enough of that I could go on and on but YOU know whether you are saved or not. I do not know if you are saved nor do I know anyone else is saved except myself. I do know that I am saved because I have accepted Christ--and him alone. I cannot do anything other than put all my trust in Him. I don't know why I wrote this in this journal, as I doubt that anyone but me will ever read it.

OCT 25

Well, now, we got up at 6:45 and at 7:50 we went down and ate breakfast. Sis, Katie and Lewis were already eating. Lyndia didn't come down, as she didn't feel too well--or was sleepy--so Jim, Mom and I went down. They had some pancakes, the first we'd seen in Britian! Had a good breakfast. Lewis and Jim are looking for some ATM machines so we can get some more pounds to pay our hotel bill, as they don't take credit cards! The bill is 92 pounds per night & we'll stay two nights I guess. That's about \$140 per night. Never have stayed in a hotel that cost so much. It's a nice hotel, but we've had nicer ones in the States for much less money.

Jim and Lewis are also planning our day for us--go by subway (tube) or by sight seeing bus--or whatever.

Last night I forgot to say that Jim & Lyndia brought KFC dinners up to our room and we had a very wonderful time together eating and talking. I tell you---they are two very precious people--On this trip Jim has waited on Mom and me at every turn. He is like a Mother with two chicks! and he and Lyndia are so attentive to Katie and Sister's needs, and so is Lewis. I cannot tell you how PRECIOUS THEY BOTH HAVE BEEN on this trip to England--Scotland.

We're in our room now waiting for word from Jim as to what our activities will be today.

We went to several interesting sights today. We spent some time at the TOWER OF LONDON. Mom and I couldn't climb all the stairs so we watched the people walking by for several hours while the others went into the Tower to see it and the CROWN JEWELS. They said it was nice. We had fun riding the "tube" to several places. Most of the day was spent riding the tube. As we were coming back I stopped and bought some cheese, crackers, diet Pepsi for Mom, etc. Groceries are high here except cheese. It is much cheaper than at home--about 1/2 price.

OCT 26

We had a good night's sleep except my legs hurt all night. As we were coming home last night Mom got pretty weak. Jim and Lewis pushed her in the wheelchair most of the way. As she was coming to the room in the hotel, she got real dizzy and almost fainted. I guess she overdid it yesterday. I worry about her a lot. She gets short of breath and gets tired so easily. I don't know, but I suspect she again has water on her lungs, caused from the heart not functioning properly. This happened before and the doctor put her on some medicine to correct it. But it may not have been enough to correct the problem.

We went down with Lyndia at 8:30 to eat. Enjoyed a good breakfast and ate too much as usual.

Mom was not going to go anywhere today, But Jim sorta talked her into taking a taxi with Katie, Sis and me and going down to Victoria Station

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where the other three will converge after taking the tube down to Victoria Station. I don't like taking the taxi as it always costs so much, but it's the only way we can get Mom down to the tour bus to take the tour around London. We already have our tickets for it, so might as well use it!

My legs hurt all night--in the knee joint area and I could not get them stopped. I was awakened at 12, 3, and 5 o'clock with them hurting badly & could get no relief. I finally got up and took a pain pill so to get relief. They have eased a little, but both knees feel like rubber--so shaky and so fragile, so uncertain when I step on them. I have to go slow and hold on to something, especially when going up and down stairs.

After breakfast Sis, Katie, Fern and I took a taxi to the Victoria Station, While Lyndia Lewis and Jim took the tube to Victoria Station. We met there and took about a 2 hour bus tour of London. We saw many buildings. I cannot remember but some I didn't know, as I couldn't understand the guide on the PA system. We rode on the open top of the tour bus--a double tier bus. We saw Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, Big Ben, London Bridge (the one that took place of the original London Bridge that is now in Lake Havasu City In Arizona), Parliament Building, House of Commons, House of Lords, Statue of General Dwight Eisenhower, several more famous buildings & statues, #10 Downing Street where Winston Churchill had his underground office during the blitz of London by Hitler, Buzz Bombs. We went through the part of the city that was most damaged by the buzz bombs. It was quite an area, and has all been rebuilt.

After our bus tour we went in a small cafe to eat. Mom and I had some soup that was mediocre in taste. It was Leek-Potato but seemed mostly like water & leek flavor! We also had a dessert of brownies, ice cream and whipped cream with cinnamon sprinkled on top. It was good! While we were ordering, Lewis went to a phone and called Esther, our Scotland guide. She was only 10 minutes away so we stalled on ordering as long as we could so she could eat with us. She did get there and had lunch. (Lewis met her on the street) She & Lewis shared a small dessert. Mom and I shared ours, Lyndia & Jim shared theirs, Katie and Sis shared one. Afterward we went outside, Mom and I got a Taxi & came back to the hotel. The others were going on the tube or bus to see more of London. Mom & I did not want to climb any more steps or do much more walking.

We got in our hotel, went in the gift shop, bought a few cards and went to our room. We had some short cake, potato chips, I had some coffee, Mom a diet Pepsi and now we're relaxing watching T.V.. Not much on TV in Britain!

It's now 4:22 PM I don't know when the kids will get back but Esther is supposed to come back with them and visit awhile.

It is now 7:29 PM and the kids have not come back yet unless they're in the lobby or in their rooms. It's about dark here.

Just now the phone is ringing. It must be Jim, so at least some of them are back. I don't know if Esther is with them or not. We have to change our clocks back one hour, same as in America. I've already changed mine back, so I don't forget it tomorrow.

Mom and I ate in our room--potato chips, cheese, funny crackers, yogurt and Mom is drinking diet Pepsi like crazy!

I can't remember what time we are supposed to get to the airport tomorrow. Somebody said 9+ AM but I was thinking it was more like 12:00. When Jim gets back we'll have to ask him. The kids are not back. Jim called from a pay phone to see if we wanted something to eat before they came on up to the hotel. That was nice of him!

Mom just gave me a candy-coated almond and some hazel nuts (not coated) to eat, so that caps off our evening meal.

I went to sleep and had a couple of hours of sleep I guess. This has

been a lazy afternoon for Mom and me.

Mom just asked me how we were going to get to the airport. I don't know if we'll go by train (tube) by bus or by taxi, if we have to go by taxi it will be very expensive. We (Mom and me) have ridden the taxi four times--once was 8.80 pounds, once was 11.80 pounds and the morning taxi was 7 pounds and our return was 5.80 pounds, so it is very expensive. One taxi driver told us there were 26,000 taxis in London, and 40,000 taxi drivers. They drive around the clock. It looks as if more than half of the traffic is taxis and probably 25 percent is double-deck busses. Hordes of people ride busses or the "tube" or taxis. I wouldn't drive in this traffic for anything! The drivers are courteous, but they also drive like crazy!

Our stay in Scotland-England has been wonderful. The Scottish people are the most friendly, and are the hardest to understand! I had difficulty understanding any of them. There were a few that spoke more like we do, but not many. The meals were quite different to ours. For breakfast at some places, there was little that was like ours. Other meals had stuff I've never heard of and I tried to make sure I didn't eat any beef.

Jim and Lyndia got here about 8:45 PM. We sat and talked awhile about our trip, our tour, our events of the day and about our leaving tomorrow. We plan on eating breakfast at 7 AM, getting a taxi at 8 AM and ride to Victoria Station where we'll ride the tube a way, then take a train on to Gatwick Airport to leave around 11:00 AM tomorrow. Sister, Katie, and Lewis and Esther are still out. Sister seems to want to stay with Lewis and Esther, when I'm sure they would like to be alone! I hope Sis and Katie do get home so Lewis & Esther can be alone at least a little while before Lewis has to go back. Esther seems to like Lewis enough to get with him today, anyway. That's one reason Mom and I left them, so the younger ones could be together. I hope Katie isn't too worn out to feel good on their flight tomorrow. We sorta hate to leave, we've had such a good time in England and Scotland, especially SCOTLAND.

OCT 27

Mom got up about 5:20 or 5:15 to take a shower. In this \$140.00 hotel, there was NO HOT WATER! I don't know why, but they didn't have any hot water.

We're waiting on Jim & Lyndia to go eat breakfast, then we'll come back in our rooms, freshen up and get a taxi to Victoria Station, the tube Station to ride the tube to whichever station we get off to ride a train the rest of the way to Gatwick. I don't know if Lewis, Sis and Katie will be coming with us or not, since they leave an hour later than we do.

When we met with Esther yesterday she asked each one of us what we enjoyed the most about our stay in England and Scotland--Jim said "MUG-DOCK CASTLE" I said that and the MARQUIS OF MONTROSE (James Graham) gravesite in Edinburg; Fern said "and the beautiful scenery in Scotland"; Sister didn't say, but got up & started showing Ester pictures of the family and her "famous" clipping out of the newspaper about her buying a raincoat! Katie said "yes, the beautiful scenery. I don't know what Lewis told her. Lewis wanted to be alone with Esther, but Sister made sure they didn't get alone! She tagged along everywhere they went, so we were told. That's one reason we--Mom and I--came back to the hotel--that and the fact that we needed some rest!

We ate breakfast at 7 AM and got our bags ready and caught a taxi about 8:20--rode to Victoria Rail Station, then rode to Gatwick Airport. The plane, an MD11 took off about 11:17. At 35,000 feet all the way across the Atlantic, all we saw was clouds! Once the clouds opened and we actually saw a ship on the ocean--a little tiny looking thing at our 35,000 feet, but it probably was a huge tanker, or oiler, they call them. As we neared the mainland we flew over Montreal, Canada, on down

to Cleveland, and to Cincinnati. The Cincinnati International Airport is actually in Kentucky. It's just across the river (Ohio) in Kentucky. We arrived at Cincinnati at 2:47 PM on schedule. We went through customs and Security and got on our airplane (727) at 4:02 PM. We're scheduled to take off at 4:20 and should arrive at Salt Lake City on time. I can't remember what time we are supposed to get there, but I suspect Becky will be there waiting for us. I think it's about 6:15 PM, but am not sure.

On the plane we have seats 15A & 15B and Jim and Lyndia have seats 31A and 31B, I think. Up until this time we've had seats together, but not on this one. A lot of people are standing by outside to get a stand-by seat if possible, so I suspect this plane will be full to SLC.

We had a wonderful time in this 16 days and loved every minute of it. God has graciously taken good care of us and we praise Him for it. It will be good to get home again, but I suspect we'll want to go somewhere soon after we get home and settle up with Jim on this one. We owe Jim for some things but I don't know just what. I hope we have some clear weather on our way home.

It's now 4:21 and we are still docked. More people are getting on the plane. I hope we're not delayed too much, so Becky doesn't have to wait too long.

4:24--Still docked

4:27--Still docked

4:31--still docked

They came and took one elderly woman off the plane. I don't know if they will let her on or not. At 4:34 we're still here, but I thought I heard the engines start--maybe not. 3 hours 23 minutes is our flying time, so the captain just said, so we should get there at a good time. It's now 4:38 here which would mean we get to SLC (if we took off now) at 7:01, less two hour time difference, so it would be 5:01.

O.K., we're finally being backed out from docking at 4:41 PM. The engines are running and we're taxiing at 4:44.

This plane is a 767 Boeing. The maintenance and to be done on the toilets and the only ones working are at the rear of the plane and the right side. We're on the left! I hope I can make it to SLC! We're third to take off and should be wheels-up at 4:50. This means we should get to SLC at 5:50 Mountain time--or is it 6:50? I don't know if Cincinnati is in Mountain or Eastern time. Anyway, we're on our way.

Take-off was good, then we went into the clouds, then out of them again. There are clouds below us now. We're probably 5,000 feet high. Clouds are spotty. Mom said she saw a train going down there. She's on the outside next to the window this time! The clouds below are beautiful, but I'd rather see the ground.

The clouds look like slushy snow about 2 or 3 feet deep. Eddie could sure sell some snowblowers if we had that in Clearfield!

The captain just came on 5:09 this time and said we should get to SLC at 6:10. I'm setting my clock back one hour now to 4:10.

At 4:14 Jim came and offered us two coupons to watch "HEAR", a movie. They want \$4.00 each to get a headset to hear the movie, but where we were only one person paid to get a set. Jim's coupon would give us a set free, but we didn't want to watch any movies. It feels good just to sit and relax. We watched one on the MD11 coming from England and it wasn't very good to me--about a professor or scientist who made a "clone" of himself and wanted to make a clone of this young man who was married and had two children. He made a clone of him and it was a stupid show as far as I was concerned. They finally had 4 clones of him. We didn't have to pay for it!

At 4:21 the stewardesses have brought something to eat. It smells good but I don't know what it is.

Well, it was lasagna, with a roll, a salad with vignette dressing, and a brownie. It was all good. It is now 4:52 and we're finished with our meal. If my clock is right we should be to SLC in about an hour and 18 minutes. If Cincinnati is in Eastern time zone then it will be

2 hours & 18 minutes!

At 5:11 a lady behind us came pu and said they were sitting behind us on the other plane from London..I don't know or remember even looking at them on the other plane. They are from Ogden and have been on a weeks vacation to London. She didn't say what her name was andI ddidn't ask. I know that Jim and Lyndia saw somebody on this plane that they knew!

It's 5:28 now-- or 4:28??? I don't know how th set my watch!

It is5:55 by my watch and so now I know Cincinnatti is Eastern time, so I have to set my watch back another hour to~~XXXX~~ 4:56 PM As we're no where near SLC yet.

We're passing over some mountains now that have snow on them. I don't know where we are but it must bein Colorado. We should not be more than 57 minutes from SLC

The movie is over now and I'm glad. It was a crazy movie--we couldn't hear it but we could see it & I didn't even want to look at it!

It's 5"24 now so we shouldbe there in 46 minutes according to the pilot, the captain.

Well, we touched down at 5:55 PM!

Flight wasa little bumpy at times. We were surprised to see deep snow on the mountains of Colorado andUtah. Clearfield andLaayton got over a foot of snow last Friday (OCT 25)

When we landed we had quite a welcoming committee!! There was Becky, Josh, Zach, Julie, Terry, Sid, Jessica, Mark Richard, Jennifer & Sammy. What a wonderful thing to seethem all standing there!! OH, HOW BLESSED WE ARE TO HAVE CHILDREN LIKE THAT!

We went to the baggage dispatch to get our baggage and found it wasn't there. It was left in cincinnatti! They are supposed to bring it to-morrow.

We learned that our precious little Benjamin Collin has been ~~sick~~ sick and went to the hospital today. WE'll not be able to be around him for a day or two for fear we may have brought something from Europe, plus I cannot afford to be around and illnesses if possible. I am still pretty weak from my hospital ordeal

All in all, God really blessed us on our tour. We'll get thgether and tell you all about it in a few days.

OCT 28

Hada good nights sleep and ate a good breakfast. Yesterday the plane at airport in Cincinnatti left our bags in Cincinnatti. We thought They were going through to SLC, but we were supposed to check them in again upon arrival at the U.S.A.!

They delivered oour bags to Jim this morning and they said they had to go through them as we ~~if~~ weren't with the bags. They went through to the bags and they took my pressed rose that I had taken from the grave of the JOHN GRAHAM OF MONTROSE! I am so sorry about that! They said it was agricultural material and I couldn't take it into the states. I am shocked@ I am saddened. I am disappointed. It has almost wrecked my whole trip!

END OF JOURNAL

To Al l who may read this journal---you may not like some of its contents, It's as I was told, as I saw, as I imagined, as I wished, as I loved, as I appreciated, ----Fern found the "John Graham grave" rose! It was in a magazine I did put it in and she had it in her carry on bag! One day asshe was looking thru the magazine it fell out on the floor! The correction ribbon on this typewriter ran out before I finished, so the many mistakes show up more prolificly!! It is word-for word as I wrote on the trip, so as you read you are delving into the mind of the~~XXXXXX~~ son of ~~XXXX~~ Ben L Graham, Sr.--a great and mighty man of God----Daddy, certainly not me-